

THAT WHICH IS CLAIMED:

1. An application for providing access to media files on a digital device, the application comprising a computer readable storage medium having computer-readable  
5 program instructions embodied in the medium, the computer-readable program instructions comprising:

first instructions for generating a media view that provides access to at least one digital media file and associates the at least one digital media file with a period of time; and

10 second instructions for generating media file representations within the media view such that the media file representations associated with a period of time proximate a predefined position within the media view are enlarged media file representations.

15 2. The application of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions are further defined as generating media file representations within the media view such that the media file representations associated with a period of time proximate a vertical centerline of the media view are enlarged media file representations.

20 3. The application of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions are further defined as generating media file representations within the media view such that media file representations gradually decrease in size the further that an associated period of time deviates from the predefined position.

25 4. The application of Claim 1, further comprising third instructions for displaying a selected media file representation from the media view in “pop-up” view format.

30 5. The application of Claim 4, wherein the third instructions are further defined as displaying a selected media file representation from the media view in “pop-

up” view format, wherein the “pop-up” view” format exceeds the size of all other media file representations within the media view.

5           6.       The application of Claim 4, wherein the third instructions are further defined as displaying a selected media file representation from the media view in “pop-up” view format, wherein the selected media file representation is chosen from the media file representations associated with the period of time proximate to the predefined position.

10           7.       The application of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions further provide for generating media file representations within the media view such that the media file representation associated with a period of time proximate a predefined position of the media view and proximate the center point of the predefined position is an enlarged media file representations in comparison to other media file representations in  
15       the time period proximate the predefined position.

             8.       The application of Claim 2, wherein the second instructions further provide for generating media file representations within the media view such that the media file representation associated with a time period proximate to the vertical  
20       centerline and proximate to a center point within the time period is an enlarged media file representation in comparison to other media file representations in the time period proximate the predefined position.

25           9.       The application of Claim 7, wherein the second instructions further provide for generating media file representations within the media view such that the media file representations associated with a time period proximate to the vertical centerline decrease in size the further that a media file representation deviates from the center point.

30           10.      An application for providing access to media files on a digital device, the application comprising a computer readable storage medium having computer-readable

program instructions embodied in the medium, the computer-readable program instructions comprising:

first instructions for generating a media view that provides access to at least one digital media file through media file representations; and

5 second instructions for generating an attribute icon that is superimposed on the media file representation.

11. The application of Claim 10, wherein the first instructions are further defined as generating a media view that provides access to at least one digital media file  
10 through media file representation and associates the media file representations with a period of time.

12. The application of Claim 10, wherein the second instructions are further defined as generating an attribute icon that is superimposed on the media file  
15 representation, wherein the attribute icon represents metadata information associated with the media file that is represented.

13. The application of Claim 10, wherein the second instructions are further defined as generating an attribute that is superimposed on the media file representation,  
20 wherein the attribute icon represents metadata information associated with the media file that is represented and the metadata information is chosen from the group consisting of type of media file, communication status of the media file, content of the media file, timestamp of the media file and access status of the media file.

25 14. An application for providing access to media files on a digital device, the application comprising a computer readable storage medium having computer-readable program instructions embodied in the medium, the computer-readable program instructions comprising:

first instructions for generating a media view that provides access to at  
30 least one digital media file through media file representations; and

second instructions for generating a detailed view of the at least one media file, wherein the detailed view forms the media file representation in the media view.

15. The application of Claim 14, wherein the second instructions for  
5 generating a detailed view of the at least one media file further defines the detailed view as a zoomed-in portion of the media file.

16. The application of Claim 14, wherein the second instructions for  
generating a detailed view of the at least one media file further defines the detailed view  
10 as a zoomed-in portion of the media file that is zoomed-in from a center point of a media file image.

17. The application of Claim 14, wherein the second instructions for  
generating a detailed view of the at least one media file further defines the detailed view  
15 as a zoomed-in portion of the media file that is zoomed-in from a point of interest of a media file image.

18. The application of Claim 14, wherein the second instructions for  
generating a detailed view of the at least one media file further defines the detailed view  
20 as a zoomed-out portion of the media file.

19. The application of Claim 18, wherein the second instructions for  
generating a detailed view of the at least one media file further defines the detailed view  
as a zoomed-out portion of the media file that is zoomed-out from a center point of a  
25 media file image.

20. The application of Claim 18, wherein the second instructions for  
generating a detailed view of the at least one media file further defines the detailed view  
as a zoomed-out portion of the media file that is zoomed-out from a point of interest of a  
30 media file image.

21. The application of Claim 18, wherein the second instructions for generating a detailed view of the at least one media file further defines the detailed view as a beginning text string of a text media file.

5 22. A method for digital media management in a digital device, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a digital media file having metadata associated with the digital media file;

10 transmitting the file to a media diary application that associates the digital media file with a period in time based on the metadata; and

providing a user access to the digital media file via a media view that displays a media file representation of the digital media file in connection with the period of time, wherein the media file representation is sized according to the proximity of the period of time associated the media file to a predefined position in the media view.

15 23. The method of Claim 22, wherein the step of providing a user access to the digital media file further defines the media file representation as being sized according to the proximity of the period of time associated the media file to a vertical centerline in the media view.

20 24. The method of Claim 22, wherein the step of providing a user access to the digital media file further defines the media file representation as being enlarged if the media file is associated with a period of time that is proximate to the predefined position of the media view.

25 25. The method of Claim 22, wherein the step of providing a user access to the digital media file further defines the media file representation as decreasing in size of as the period of time associated with the media file deviates from the predefined position of the media view.

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26. The method of Claim 22, further comprising the step of providing a user selectable access to the media file representation such that selecting the media file representation results in the display of a “pop-up” view.

5           27. The method of Claim 22, wherein the step of providing a user access to the digital media file further defines the media file representation as being sized according to the proximity of the media file representation to a predefined point within the time period of the media view.

10           28. The method of Claim 27, wherein the step of providing a user access to the digital media file further defines the media file representation as being sized according to the proximity of the media file representation to a center point within the time period proximate the vertical centerline of the media view.

15           29. A method for digital media management in a digital device, the method comprising the steps of:  
                    receiving a digital media file having metadata associated with the digital media file;  
                    transmitting the file to a media diary application; and  
20           providing a user access to the digital media file via a media view that displays a media file representation of the digital media file with an attribute icon superimposed on the media file representation.

25           30. The method of Claim 29, wherein the step of transmitting the file to a media diary application further comprises transmitting the file to a media diary application that associates the digital media file with a period in time based on the metadata

30           31. The method of Claim 29, wherein the step of providing a user access to the digital media file via a media view that displays a media file representation of the digital media file with an attribute icon superimposed on the media file representation

further comprises providing a user access to the digital media file via a media view that displays a media file representation of the digital media item with an attribute icon superimposed on the media file representation, wherein the attribute icon represents metadata information associated with the media file.

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32. A method for digital media management in a digital device, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a digital media file having metadata associated with the digital media file;

10 transmitting the file to a media diary application that associates the digital media file with a period of time based on the metadata; and

providing a user access to the digital media file via a media view that displays a media file representation of the digital media file in connection with the period of time, wherein the media file representation is a detailed view of the digital media file.

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33. The method of Claim 32, wherein the step of providing a user access to the digital media file via a media view that displays a media file representation of the digital media file in connection with the period of time, wherein the media file representation is a detailed view of the digital media file further comprises a detailed view that is defined as a zoomed-in view of the digital media file.

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34. The method of Claim 32, wherein the step of providing a user access to the digital media file via a media view that displays a media file representation of the digital media file in connection with the period of time, wherein the media file representation is a detailed view of the digital media file further comprises a detailed view that is defined as a zoomed-out view of the digital media file.

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35. A digital device, the device comprising:  
a processing unit that executes computer-readable program instructions for  
accessing media files, the computer-readable program instructions comprising:

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first instructions for generating a media view that provides access to at least one digital media file and associates the at least one digital media file with a period of time, and

5 second instructions for generating media file representations within the media view such that the media file representations associated with a period of time proximate to a predefined position of the media view are enlarged media file representations; and  
a display in communication with the processing unit that presents the media view.

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36. The digital device of Claim 35, wherein the second instructions are further defined as generating media file representations within the media view such that the media file representations associated with a period of time proximate a vertical centerline of the media view are enlarged media file representations.

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37. The digital device of Claim 35, wherein the second instructions are further defined as generating media file representations within the media view such that media file representations gradually decrease in size the further that an associated period of time deviates from the predefined position.

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38. The digital device of Claim 35, further comprising third instructions for displaying a selected media file representation from the media view in a “pop-up” view format.

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39. The application of Claim 35, wherein the second instructions further provide for generating media file representations within the media view such that the media file representation associated with a time period proximate to the predefined position and proximate a predefined point within the time period is an enlarged media file representation in comparison to other media file representations within the time period  
30 proximate the predefined position.



40. A digital device, the device comprising:  
a processing unit that executes computer-readable program instructions for  
accessing media files, the computer-readable program instructions comprising:  
first instructions for generating a media view that provides access  
5 to at least one digital media file through media file representations, and  
second instructions for generating an attribute icon that is  
superimposed on the media file representation; and  
a display in communication with the processing unit that presents the  
media view.

41. The digital device of Claim 40, wherein the first instructions are further  
defined as generating a media view that provides access to at least one digital media file  
through media file representation and associates the media file representations with a  
period of time.

42. The digital device of Claim 40, wherein the second instructions are further  
defined as generating an attribute icon that is superimposed on the media file  
representation, wherein the attribute icon represents metadata information associated with  
the media file that is represented.

43. The digital device of Claim 40, wherein the second instructions are further  
defined as generating an attribute that is superimposed on the media file representation,  
wherein the attribute icon represents metadata information associated with the media file  
that is represented and the metadata information is chosen from the group consisting of  
25 type of media file, communication status of the media file, content of the media file,  
timestamp of the media file and access status of the media file.

44. A digital device, the device comprising:  
a processing unit that executes computer-readable program instructions for  
30 accessing media files, the computer-readable program instructions comprising:

first instructions for generating a media view that provides access to at least one digital media file through media file representations and associates the media file representations with a period of time, and  
second instructions for generating a detailed view of the at least  
5 one media file, wherein the detailed view forms the media file representation in the media view; and  
a display in communication with the processing unit that presents the media view.

10 45. The digital device of Claim 44, wherein the second instructions for generating a detailed view of the at least one media file further defines the detailed view as a zoomed-in portion of the media file.

15 46. The digital device of Claim 44, wherein the second instructions for generating a detailed view of the at least one media file further defines the detailed view as a zoomed-out portion of the media file.

20 47. The digital device of Claim 46, wherein the second instructions for generating a detailed view of the at least one media file are further defines the detailed view as a text string that forms a portion of a text media file.